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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
To: Commander, Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center
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Subj: WEAPON SYSTEM EXPLOSIVES SAFETY REVIEW BOARD SAFETY
CONCURRENCE FOR FIELDING THE M14 ENHANCED BATTLE RIFLE

Ref: (a) NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane ltr 8370 Ser 4081CZ/3072
of 10 Apr 03
(b) NOC ltr 8020 OPR N713 Ser N71/0255 of 14 Mar 94

1. Reference (a) was provided to inform the Weapon System Explosives Safety Review Board (WSESRB) that a new variant of the M14 Rifle, the M14 Enhanced Battle Rifle (EBR), is planned to be fielded for elements of Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command (COMNAVSPECWARCOM). Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane) will conduct an Operational Assessment of the weapon prior to follow-on fielding to COMNAVSPECWARCOM units.

2. Based upon the information provided in reference (a), the WSESRB agrees that the basic M14 operating system and safety characteristics remain unchanged in the transition to the M14 EBR. The weapon uses Navy approved small arms ammunition and the weapon is a variant of a type-classified system with no alterations that affect the functional/safety characteristics. This fact is to be verified by the planned NAVSURFWARCENDIV Crane testing.

3. Reference (b) established the WSESRB policy between the Board and Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEASYSCOM). The COMNAVSEASYSCOM Program Manager for Navy Small Arms currently resides in the Program Executive Office, Littoral and Mine Warfare (PMS NSW). The WSESRB concurs with the conduct of the operational assessment, and, barring any safety anomalies, the subsequent fielding for operational use of the M14 EBR only via the authority granted to the COMNAVSEASYSCOM Program Manager for Navy Small Arms. If, however, any safety anomalies should occur during testing, the fact is to be reported to the Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA). The WSESRB policy of reference (b) will no longer be applicable, and the normal WSESRB process must be followed for WSESRB approval and fielding.

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